

Public Comments Received for Bridge 51

PROPONENTS

Comment 1

Dear Fish Wildlife & Parks Commission,

I support proposal to lease approximately 2 acres of land from BNSF along the Yellowstone River at Bridge 51 for the purpose of providing public access to the Yellowstone River and developing a fishing access site. This looks like a great plan!!!!

Thank you, Bert Otis,

Comment 2

As a fly fishing guide and outfitter, I am in favor of this enhancement project and the proposed developments. I am also a member of the Region 5 CAC. In both of these roles, I interact with the public in this area. This site is increasingly popular with the recreating public. It was particularly vital this past season (2018) when the Indian Fort FAS (Reed Point) was closed and provided the only public access between Bratten and Holmgren access sites.

As described in the EA, this site is strategically located. It allows for a variety of float sections between Greycliff and Columbus, helping to spread out the usage, which enhances the public's experience. This project is necessary in order to formalize and legalize access for the public at this site. As it is, it receives considerable use.

The project needs to provide a plan for long term maintenance and access to the river from the parking area for the safe launch and recovery of boats. Because of the bridges, this area is susceptible to accumulating a large amount of debris during runoff that once the river recedes, creates hazards and obstacles that need to be cleared in order to safely reach the river.

Thank you,
Chris Fleck

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What happened to the bundy recreational area ? There was supposed to be an access and camping there. Up to 50 spots with fishind and toilets. Also improvements are needed at gritty stone and voyagers rest. We need to finish other projects first. Thankyou.

Response

Hello,

Thank you for your response to the proposed Fishing Access Site at Bridge 51. In regards to your question about a Bundy Recreational Area; I was not aware of any FWP project that was slated for that area. As to the improvements at Gritty Stone and Voyagers Rest; I would like to be able to speak with you when you have a minute, so please give me a call at 406-247-2964.

Thank You,

Ryan Taynton